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For: IMPLANTABLE CARDIAC THERAPY DEVICE WITH DUAL
CHAMBER CAN TO ISOLATE HIGH-FREQUENCY CIRCUITRY

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

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Sir:

I, **Matthew Whitlock**, declare that:

1) I am one of the named co-inventors of the above-identified patent application, which was filed on October 26, 2001.

2) I contributed to the conception and constructive reduction to practice of the invention, in the United States of America, as evidenced by the following:

a) prior to January 16, 2001 (the filing date of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 2002/0095195), the invention was conceived in the United States of America by Balakrishnan Shankar, Mark W. Kroll, and me, and was submitted on an invention disclosure form with attached drawings to our Legal Department (see **Exhibit A (with date redacted)**);

b) on October 27, 2000, a memorandum from Malcolm Romano, former chief patent counsel of Pacesetter Inc., the assignee of the above identified patent application, was sent acknowledging our invention disclosure (see **Exhibit B**);

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c) on March 9, 2001, our invention, as disclosed in the above identified invention disclosure was authorized for filing as a patent application, as evidenced by a memorandum dated March 15, 2001 (see **Exhibit C**);

d) the invention disclosure was sent to Brian Pangrle, Esq., on or about June 12, 2001 for preparation of the patent application (see **Exhibit D**); and

e) the application based upon the invention disclosure was filed with the United States Patent Office on October 26, 2001.

3) The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

April 9th, 2004
Date

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ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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On April 9, 2004, before me, Matthew Whitlock, Notary Public, personally appeared **Matthew Whitlock**, personally known to me OR proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

William C. Derby
Signature of Notary

